PAULSON, John Godfield 6 November 1920

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Guard	Mornington Mill, Millars T & T	Locomotive "JUBILLEE" derailed

John Paulson was the guard of the train in what was later to become known as the Wokalup rail disaster. John the fireman, Thomas Wilton, and seven timber workers were killed. John Paulson and three of the timber workers were veterans of the "Great War 1914-18". The locomotive "Jubilee" and its train of sleepers ran away on a steep down grade and derailed on a curve not far from Wokalup. Thomas' father, Christopher Wilton the Traffic Foreman, who was also on the loco jumped clear and survived. The driver, Clarence Cook and timber worker Lloyd Morey were injured but also survived the accident.

Family Notices
PAULSON. On November 7, as the result of Mornington accident, John Godfrid (sic), late 1st Australian Railway Co., L.R.O.D., A.I.F., beloved husband of Cecelia and loving daddy of Fred and Jack, son of Frederick and Carolina Pansion, of Figeholm, Sweden. and brother of Johan, Figeholm, Sweden and Alex of Norwood. Mass., U.S.A.; brother-in-law of Cart and Nellie Swenson, of Newport Men., England; friend of Charles Spooner, 170 Stanthorpe road, South Shields, England. In the midst of life we are in death. English and foreign papers please copy.

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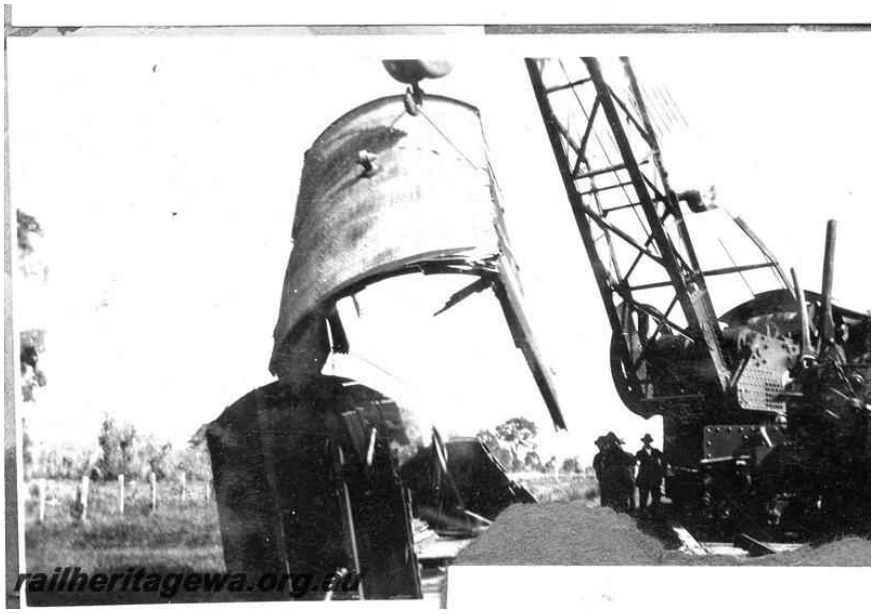
TRAGIC RAILWAY SMASH.
TIMBER TRAIN DERAILED NINE LIVES LOST.
Bunbury,Nov. 7.
The most tragic railway accident in the history of Western Australia occurred on the Mornington timber line, near Bunbury, in the darkness of Saturday night. Nine lives were lost and two persons were injured through the derailment of a timber train which, apparently, getting beyond control, dashed down a steep gradient and ran off the line on a curve in a cutting at a spot about two and a half miles from the main line at Wokalup.

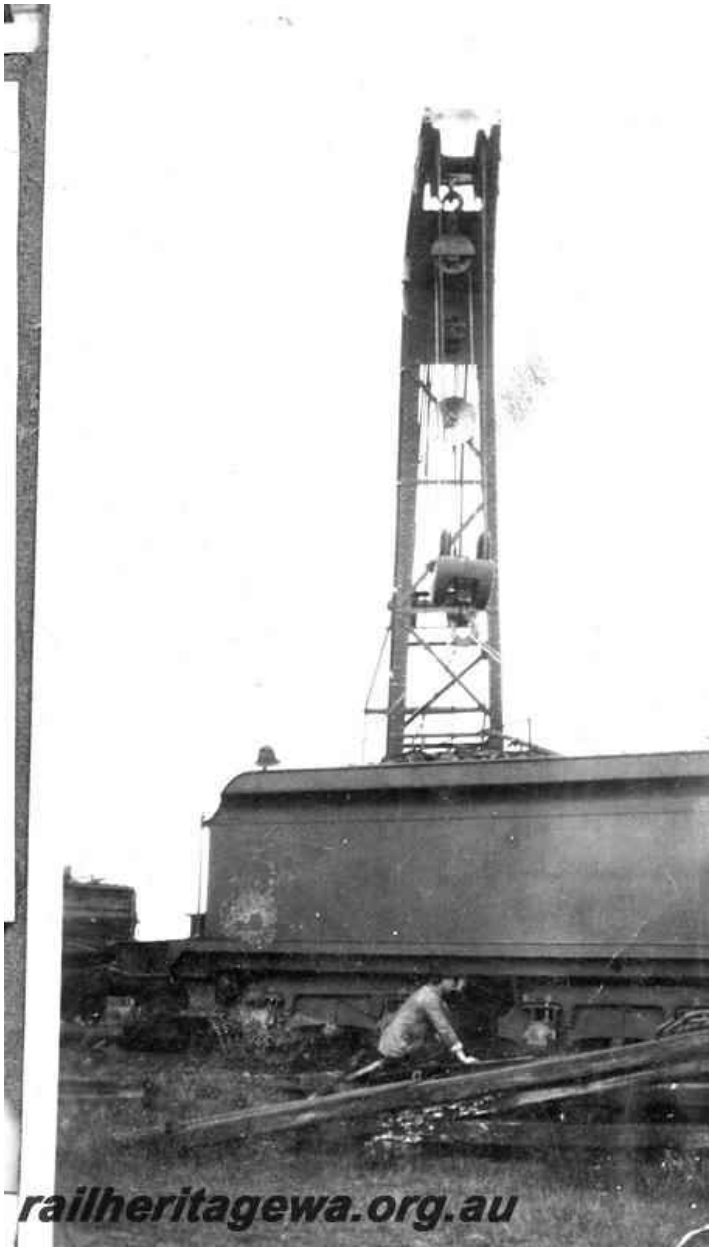
KILLED.
The names of the persons killed are as follow:
JOHN DENIS LEITCH, Timber worker, married, relatives reside in Victoria Park.
ELLIS S. LAKE, Timber worker, single; brother-in-law named Hyde, resides at Belmont
JAMES P. McNAMARA, Timber worker, **Returned Soldier**, relatives not known. ,
WILLIAM MULCARIA, Timber worker, single; parents reside at Spearwood.
FRANK V. WINFIELD (28), Timber worker, **Returned Soldier**, single.
EDWARD P. DELANEY, Timber worker, **Returned Soldier**, single.
THOMAS WILTON (WALTON (sic)) (20), Locomotive Fireman, single: son of Mill traffic manager.
JOHN GODFRED (sic) PAULSON,. Railway Guard, **Returned Soldier**, married with two children at Morninton.
WALTER MAGGS, also known as Walter Wallace, Timber worker, married.

INJURED.
CLARENCE ROBERT COOK, Engine Driver.
LLOYD MOREY, Timber Worker.


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